

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

How many schools are there in the United States?

The Federal Office of Education reports receiving information about 276,555 schools of different types throughout the United States. Individual reports came to Washington from more than 40,000 of these schools.

How many school buildings are there?

It was estimated that in 1932 there were 232,750 public elementary schools and 26,409 public high schools. Elementary schools of the one-room type are decreasing in number and high schools appear to be increasing in number. There were 5,556 fewer public elementary schools in 1932 than in 1930, and 2,479 more public high schools (including junior high schools) in 1933-34 than there were in 1930.

How many pupils are enrolled?

About one fourth of the nation's total population attends school daily. More than 30,550,000 students were enrolled in full-time day schools, according to last reports reaching the Federal Office of Education: Elementary school enrollment, 23,570,000 pupils; Secondary school enrollment, 5,590,000; College enrollment, 1,150,000; Enrollment in State and private residential schools for exceptional children, 67,600; Federal Government school enrollment, 56,000 Indians and 4,600 natives of Alaska; Public night school enrollment, 1,064,000; summer school enrollment, 485,500; Part-time and Continuation school enrollment, 257,000. Summer school or extension and correspondence courses in colleges in 1931-32 also enrolled 850,000 students.

How many students graduated?

It is estimated by the Federal Office of Education that more than 833,000 students graduated from high school in 1931-32. There were 138,000 students graduated from first-degree courses in colleges. The Federal Office of Education also estimates that in 1932 there were 1,900,000 living college graduates and 8,100,000 living high school graduates who had not continued their education through college. The Statistical Summary announces that of every 1,000 persons 21 years of age and over in 1932, about 25 had college degrees and 109 had high school diplomas.

How many teachers are there?

There are approximately 1,063,000 teachers in all types of schools in the United States. About 700,000 of these are in elementary schools, about 250,000 in secondary schools, and about 90,000 in colleges.

What is the income for schools?

The estimated total income for all education from kindergarten through college, public and private, reporting to the Federal Office of Education was \$3,083,808,785. (\$2,459,000,000 for elementary and secondary education, \$567,000,000 for colleges, and about \$58,000,000 for residential schools for exceptional children.)

What is the amount of school expenditures?

Including schools in Alaska and Government schools for Indians, the expenditure for all levels of education, public and private, the Federal Office of Education reveals, was \$2,968,019,400, according to last reports. (Elementary, \$1,700,000,000; High School, \$700,000,000; College, \$544,000,000.) All publicly supported education could have been paid for if each person of voting age would have contributed 9 cents a day in 1932, the Federal Office of Education announces. About 2 cents in addition would have paid the bill for private education. The annual expenditure per adult for public education was \$32.95, and for private education, \$7.10.

What is the value of school property?

School plants were worth approximately \$758,000,000 more in 1931-32 than in 1929-30. The approximate investment in educational plants is \$10,000,000,000, and in endowments, \$2,000,000,000.

The Statistical Summary containing complete facts and figures on American education is available for five cents from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.